

# University imposes quotas

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Obviously faculties such as Commerce and Engineering which already have quotas will not be affected by the proposal. Although, since they are the largest and fastest growing faculties, Arts and Sciences will be the most dramatically affected by the new quotas. Home Economics, Faculte St. Jean, Agriculture-Forestry and Physical Education are included.

Horowitz's proposal for quotas was in response to the report of the first strategic planning group that was set up in December to look into long-range planning for the University.

The report points out that the average lecture section size at the U of A has increased from 31.5 in the 1980-81 winter session to 34.9 in the 1983-84 winter session.

In Arts the increase was from 24.7 to 28.7; in Sciences it was from 49.4 to 57.3.

The report says the quota figure of 4500 "was arrived at, not by resorting to strenuous calculations of optimal mix nor by the application of quota formulae, but was simply selected as the last growth figure (session 1982-83)

recognized by the Government through the supply of special funding."

The report also says that if restrictions are not imposed total enrolment next year will be more than 25,000. This figure "greatly exceeds the upper limit proposed by the Department of Advanced Education in January of 1975, when it suggested that the University use for a guideline an enrolment level between 21,000 and 24,000."

The quota proposal will go before General Faculties Council on March 19, and should receive final approval at the April 13 meeting of the Board of Governors.

University President Horowitz says he will be meeting frequently with Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston over the next few months but Robert Greenhill says the Students' Union will be more actively protesting to the Provincial Government.

Greenhill says the SU is planning the largest campaign since 3500 students marched on the Legislature in February 1982.

The SU began its campaign at Orientation Days last Thursday and Friday.

At orientation seminars, pamphlets saying "welcome to the U of A" were passed out. Every fifth pamphlet had "welcome" crossed out.

Greenhill then asked the prospective university students with the altered pamphlets to hold up their hands and told them that that was about the proportion of them who would not be accepted.

In all about 2500 high school students attended the seminars.

"I think it disturbed a lot of students," says Greenhill.

The SU will also start a letter-writing campaign to MLA's and is open to suggestions for imaginative forms of civil disobedience.

"The idea is to make people aware of what is going on so we can force the government to reconsider its policy of killing post-secondary education by attrition," says Greenhill.

"I never question what the students' do, but I have my own ways...the lobbying will go on," says Horowitz.

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Representative Cameron Dafoe says, "anyone is specializing these days and may want to learn something outside their own field."

All the lectures with the exception of the final one will be held Wednesday between 12:00 and 1:00 in CAB 239.

Nuclear Physics Professor G. Moss will speak on "The Strange Universe of Elementary Particles: a rapid journey from earth, fire, water, and air, to quarks, leptons, and intermediate vector bosons," on March 7.

On March 14 Chair of Mathematics J.W. Maeki will ex-

plain some of the applications of mathematics in a lecture entitled "The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics."

Chemistry Professor J.A. Plambeck will address the ghost of Chemistry Past on March 21 when he speaks about "Alchemy: Principles and Practice, with Demonstrations."

"Acid Rain" and "Microelec-

tronics" will be discussed on March 28 and April 4 respectively.

Finally, on Monday, April 9, visiting American Professor D.B. MacIntyre will speak on "Computation: The Nile Valley to the Silicon Valley."

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